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New Equipment for Training Craft 913

1. The training lugger [] spent the period 17 - 22 March alongside the Volkswerft, Stralsund. During this period a speed log, developed by the Askania Werk, was installed in the ship. The log's speed recorder, which is located in the charthouse, is graduated up to 25 knots. Up to the present date the log has proved satisfactory, but because the lugger is unable to achieve high speeds, it has not yet been proved how well the instrument records in the higher speed levels.
2. A special azimuth ring-type fitting (Peilscheiben) has also been fitted on the compass platform of this craft, and by using it four trainees are able to take bearings at the same time.

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3. On 23 and 24 March respectively, the direction-finding equipment of craft [] was tested for the first time, using two [] and one [] transmitter as target stations.

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Astronomical Navigation Training at Parow.

4. Executive Officer trainees at Parow have now reached the stage of taking star sights from the signal tower at the school. An artificial horizon is used for these calculations.

Submarine Training

5. The personnel who left Parow for practical submarine training, boarded one or more submarines at Sassnitz, and immediately thereafter the craft proceeded to Swinemuende. The training of these personnel is being carried out from Swinmuende, to which port the submarines return after periods of 6 days spent at sea in the former Kriegsmarine exercise area off Gdynia.

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Training at present being carried out includes the following:

- (a) Watchkeeping at sea whilst surfaced, plus look-out duties;
- (b) Action alarms and crash diving;
- (c) The manning of weapons and the exercising of boarding parties;
- (d) Electrical and Diesel engine training for technical personnel.

Training Craft L.4 and L.8

6. Training craft L.4 and L.8 at present stationed at Parow, were wrecks originally towed from Sassnitz to Stralsund by R-boat [redacted] At Stralsund the major leaks were repaired, and the craft were subsequently taken to the Peenewerft Wolgast, for fitting-out as training craft. Whilst undergoing repair at the Peenewerft, the craft came under the supervision of Major Zarnke the officer responsible for Seepolizei repairs at the yard.

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Transfer Of "Destroyers" to the Seepolizei

7. The Russian-manned "destroyers" at present lying in Rostock are due to be handed over to the Seepolizei on an unspecified date during the first half of the current year. In preparation for this transfer, Seepolizei engine room personnel are currently undergoing a course in high-pressure, super-headed steam installations (Hookdruck-Heissdampfanlagen).
8. The above-mentioned course is being attended by officers only, and in connection with it the head of the training section at the H.V.S. made certain remarks on 17 March 1953. This officer alluded to the imminent transfer of "larger" units, and emphasized the necessity for a very complete assimilation of the subjects taught.

Dredging Activities At Parow

9. Dredging activities are currently under-way in the small harbour at Parow, and in the approach channel to this harbour. In the face of this activity it is locally rumoured in Seepolizei circles that larger units than hitherto are subsequently to be stationed at Parow. Navigational marks and lights at present in existence are such that the entry of Parow harbour is possible during the hours of darkness.

Promulgation Of Anti-Subversion Order

10. The following is [redacted] an order recently given to Seepolizei establishments:

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Hauptverwaltung VP.S.

Stellvertr. P.K.

BERLIN

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In order to damage the progress of peaceful reconstruction within the DDR, the Anglo-American imperialists are causing the distribution of propaganda material, and acts of sabotage via forces under their control. Despite the greatest supervision, they have been successful in introducing material of this sort, and have persuaded certain characterless members of the Seepolizei to treason and desertion. In order to prevent this state of affairs my orders are as follows:

- (a) Immediately on discovery, propaganda material is to be confiscated and handed over to the local representative of the Ministry for State Security.

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- (b) All Political personnel are to devote at least 10 minutes of their lectures to the dangers of enemy propaganda.
- (c) Routine reports of the state of discipline at all units, hitherto submitted monthly, are henceforth to be submitted every 14 days.

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